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RESPONSE TO
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 14, 2004,
attached herewith is a resubmission of Applicants' Amendment C, edited and compliant with
the revised amendment practice of 37 CFR 1.121.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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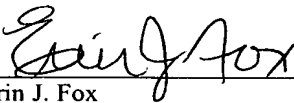
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AMENDMENT C

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 3 through 17 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 23 of this paper.